

THE GAZETTE.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS DAY.

The business activity on the streets of Janesville and the crowds in the stores, seem to make Christmas time gayer than ever before. There is joy for most everybody on Christmas. There are no ears so dull that they cannot hear the Christmas songs which are ringing through the air, and there are no hearts so hard that they cannot feel the sweetness of the touch of the divine influence of the coming of the Prince of Peace. The universal chorus is, "Gloria to God in the highest, and on earth peace and good will to men," and at a time like this, when the world is so full of joy, there should be no place for sadness, loneliness, or entanglement. How true it is that the "cross is hidden by the cradle, and the angel chorus drowns the cry of the tomb."

Regarded merely as an historic anniversary, there is no day in all the year of importance so transcendent as that which commemorates the coming of Him whose obscure birth and lonely but sweet and wonderful life and tragic and early death, changed the whole course of history and gave a new impulse to the civilization of the world. When one thinks of this day and how it came to bless all mankind, he will naturally turn his thoughts to a little town in a far-off Roman province, to a cow-born baby lying in a manger. It is a very humble picture, yet from that town and from that manger came forth a light whose divinest rays have plighted the darkest corners of the earth, giving a nobler purpose to the lives of men, a higher aim to human endeavor, making a little heaven of the homes of the people, and bringing newer joy, firmer hope to all mankind.

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In all the homes throughout this great land and throughout the civilized world let us hope that the spirit of Incarnate Love will be made manifest. Let us hope that the poor as well as the rich, that the home in the humble cottage as well as the residence in the costly palace will feel some of the tender and holy influence of Christmas day. And then let us stop a moment in the hurry of life's business, and soberly ponder on one supreme question, whether or not in feeling the touch of the peace and the good will Jesus brought to the world, we cannot take more steps to a higher consecration to Him whose birth gave the world so much love, and faith, and hope.

AN INTERVIEW WITH SPOONER

"Guth," of the Cincinnati Enquirer, had an interview with Senator John Spouer in New York the other day, and when the Wisconsin senator was asked about the candidacy of Blaine, he said:

"I don't think Blaine cares for it. The hostility to him among those who opposed him before amounts to desperation, and it seems to me that he would rather be the popular hero of his party in retirement or with an influential control than Henry Clay had in the cabinet of John Quincy Adams, whom he permitted to be elected."

"As to the personalities with which he has been associated, they were all answered, in my judgment, by the enormous vote Blaine received in 1884. Considering how close the republican party had been pushed by Tilden, and even by Hancock, Blaine's vote in 1884 aggregated the power and character of his party. Prior to that time New York state had been in the very clever management of Cornell and Arthur; but when Blaine ran here he had next to no support, and still nobody knew which was elected for several days. The republican party would not cease to have the highest admiration for Blaine's talents if he, remaining its greatest man, looked to the wisdom of having the party vote in all its branches throughout."

"Guth" thinks Mr. Spouer has John Sherman in his mind for the presidency, though nothing was said of a positive nature on the subject.

On the question of Lamar's confirmation, which is a matter of considerable importance just now, Mr. Spouer said in his profession:

"I do not see how it can be prevented. If all the democrats in the Senate vote for him, and Riddleberger too, he is confirmed. If Riddleberger does not vote for him I am told there are several republican senators who will do so. I have been quoted as in favor of Lamar, but I have not expressed my intention nor is my mind quite made up on the subject. I am looking at his confirmation with reference to the principles of the republican party and its position throughout the country. The man in favor of his confirmation is he who is getting along in years and will therefore not come upon the bench with the bounce and influence of some young fellow brought up on the principles of the rebellion, who would stay there thirty or forty years and be a source of public unhappiness."

"Lamar has now been about the government a good while, and must have learned some moderation and national wisdom. At his age he would have no controlling influence on that bench, and in a good many things he has been a rather tractable pupil of events. His voting for sound money, in opposition to instructions from the legislature of Mississippi, was a pretty bold act, and a personal repudiation of the state's fiscal dogma. Then his entry of Oberseas Sumner was something in advance of incurable rebellion. But on the other hand, there are some things he has done which make every republican hesitate to confirm him, such as his voting that the amendments to the constitution were not binding, and recognizing the strength of the arguments to add to, but I do not

believe he can be beaten in the senate as it is composed. I regard his confirmation as almost certain."

Mr. Spouer does not think that N. Cleveland will have such easy sailing in the national convention as he and his friends suppose. Mr. Spouer has had conversations with many prominent men in the east on the question of Cleveland's renomination, and many of them seem to think that it will be hard for him to get a two-third vote which will be necessary for a choice. Then the senator said:

"The last time it was accomplished by tying up the votes of states like New York so that they had no minority representation. The president's tariff message is, 'Gloria to God in the highest, and on earth peace and good will to men,' and at a time like this, when the world is so full of joy, there should be no place for sadness, loneliness, or entanglement. How true it is that the 'cross is hidden by the cradle, and the angel chorus drowns the cry of the tomb.'

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LOCAL MESSAGES.

WANTED—Six horses to winter at my farm one mile east of town. Good standing and plenty of feed. WILSON LANE.

Talk about handkerchiefs, muffs, stand scarfs, ties, Persian, Asiatic, Japanese, Tycoon, Bohemian, Irish, French and American dispenses, and various other fancy articles, the stocks shown by other merchants are as nothing compared with ours. J. M. BOSTWICK & SONS.

For our Saturday evening special sale we will offer our entire stock of elegant stamped linens, splashes, ties, scarfs dresser covers, Persian and Japanese silk stand scarfs, ties and throws, children's lace collars, purses and hand bags, toboggans, hoods, fascinators, in fact everything bought for the Christmas trade must be closed out and we will make prices that will do it. BORT, BAILEY & CO.

A dainty for epicure—The Pineapple buns. J. A. Denison has just received a select herco direct from Cincinnati.

Fancy candies in one pound boxes at Mabon's Bower City restaurant.

Go to Golling's for Shurtliff's, Kraus' or Wright & Rich's fine home-made candies in all of the choicest varieties. When in search of the finest holiday candies call on Mr. Golling.

The ladies all say, "Why you have the finest stock of handkerchiefs in Janesville, and your prices are surely right," after examining our tremendous assortment. J. M. BOSTWICK & SONS.

If you want to buy a Christmas present and buy it for about one-half what is worth, come out to our special sale of all holiday goods Saturday evening. BORT, BAILEY & CO.

The full sample line of handkerchiefs and mufflers of all New York's largest importing houses, ranging in price from one cent to five dollars, just purchased at half price by Burt & Borden.

For sale.

Fancy grocery and fruit store, with bakery attached. The best paying business in the west, for capital invested. Established 28 years. Satisfactory reasons for selling. J. A. DENNISON, 107 Milwaukee St., Janesville, Wis.

Recollect we sell everything in stamped linens goods, Persian and Japanese goods at one-fourth to one-half of from regular price, at our closing-out sale of holiday goods Saturday evening. BORT, BAILEY & CO.

Brown's floored lured rubbers at 50 cents is the burgoo of the town. Mrs. A. Stafer wants a good girl for general housework, at 109 North Jackson street.

Come out to Bort, Bailey & Co's special closing out sale of holiday goods Saturday evening, and see the many things you can buy for a little money. BORT, BAILEY & CO.

DIED—All the competition we have ever had on our \$2.40 genuine calf boot has been dead for a long time. The resurrection has been indefinitely postponed. Try a pair and you will say with many others that we have the bargain shoe store. BROWN BROS.

Hand bags and purses Saturday evening at prices that will move them out of our store. BORT, BAILEY & CO.

Holiday confectionary a specialty, at Mabon's Bower City restaurant.

House to Rent—Corner Locust and Galena streets. Encore at 107 Center street. Both ladies are attending school at Kemper Hall, Kenosha.

The song service at Court street church to-morrow will be rendered by a quartet composed of Mrs. Sweeny, Miss Martha Willey, Mr. Paris and Mr. C. Kimberly. The selections will be appropriate to Christmas.

The remains of Mrs. Geo. Skinner, of the town of La Prairie, were brought to the city this morning, after the funeral service at her home. They were taken to the cars on arriving here, and this afternoon went to Iowa where they will be buried.

Mrs. Christine P. Hawley, of Madison, is in the city to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Peterson, corner of Cherry and School streets, fourth ward. Mrs. Hawley is now attending the Conservatory of Music at Madison, and the next term she will be given a position as teacher in that institution.

In thinking what we shall give our wife, our husband, our sister, our brother, or our friend for a Christmas present, it is sometimes difficult to decide just what will make an appropriate gift. All this trouble can be obviated by stepping into the well filled jewelry store of A. F. Hall & Co., where a thousand things will suggest themselves at a glance. This store will be open late this evening.

Judge Patterson ended the week today with a lively holiday trade. John Hagenay made the country a Christmas present of ten dollars for having smashed a window at Fred Jones' saloon, and Emmett Hale, John Rock, Henry O'Connell and Alex Young were given presents to hang up their stockings with Sheriff Ward this evening, for having been "trunk and disorderly" on Milwaukee street.

"Black Maria," the large mare belonging to the city department and in service to the hook and ladder truck, died at three o'clock this morning, after four or five days of severe sickness. She was a valuable animal, costing the city one year ago \$225. It will not be decided until the council meeting just what arrangements will be made to fill her place on the truck, but it is hardly possible to think of returning to "first principles" and draw the truck by "hand."

Orders left at the Star for Shurtliff's ice cream for Christmas dinner will be promptly attended to by Mr. Shurtliff.

Fresh Connecticut bulk oysters at Mabon's Bower City restaurant.

The Bower City restaurant at 57 West Milwaukee street, under the efficient management of the proprietor, Mr. Thos. Mabon, is doing a thriving business. The restaurant is well stocked with choice holiday goods and merits the liberal patronage it is receiving. Call on Mr. Mabon when in want of anything in his line.

\$8,000 to loan in large or small sums. C. E. BOWLES.

The finest and most extensive fruit farm in this county is that of 35 acres in the southern part of the city. On this farm are improvements that cost about \$4,000, with fifteen acres of choice varieties of small fruit, all in thriving condition \$3,000 of purchase money can remain on the property at six per cent. It must be sold at once. C. E. BOWLES.

All the leading perfumes, colognes and soot powders at Steeves & Baker's.

Leave your orders under the First National Bank for coke, the cheapest fuel in the city. J. H. GATELEY.

BRACELETS.

All kinds of binding done on short notice at the Gazette bindery.

Handkerchiefs and mufflers at half price at the Star at Burns & Boland's.

Miss Allie Hubbs, of Lake Mills, is spending the holidays in the city.

The jewelry store of A. F. Hall & Co. will be open this evening until 11 p. m. No prettier windows were to be seen in the city to-day than those at the Star.

On Monday the postoffice will be open only from two to three in the afternoon.

In making your final selections, remember the manure sets at Shurtliff's.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Clemens have returned from a visit with friends in Chicago.

We find prices lowest at Fred H. Fellows' in jewelry. His stock is the finest we have seen.

Extra mail and express cars are coming through Janesville on all the St. Paul and Chicago trains.

Received another box of fine jewelry today at Fred H. Fellows', the Milwaukee street jeweler.

Dr. and Mrs. Twing Wiggin, of Chicago, will spend Christmas in Janesville visiting their parents.

Mr. Thomas Eddon, of Harmony, has returned from a two month's visit in Syracuse, New York.

All the arrangements have been made to make the X. M. Q. C. dance next Thursday very enjoyable.

Miss Maude Leonard, of Hyde Park, Chicago, is in the city to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

Mr. John Hogan and children will spend Christmas at Boone, Iowa, visiting her sister, Mrs. Thomas Keating.

Mr. William Payne, inventor of the Payne harvester, now residing in Michigan, has been visiting friends in this city.

Go to Fred H. Fellows, jeweler, for a nice pair of opera glasses, in smoked pearl and mother of pearl; morocco from \$35 up.

Frank Sherrill was kept busy to-day from a few minutes after sunrise. His display of Christmas gifts was irresistible.

Something all children will appreciate. A box of Shurtliff's home made broken mixed candy. Call for it at the Star.

Shurtliff's home-made broken mixed candy is the treat in the market—and only twenty cents a pound. Order at the Star.

Miss Clara Hanson, who is now employed in the Commercial Union office at Chicago, will spend Sunday at her Janesville home.

Miss Dab Noggle and her daughter, Mrs. Rich, will leave for Idaho on Monday afternoon. This will be the fifteenth trip over the mountains for Mrs. Noggle.

Christmas will be celebrated by the Concordia society on Monday evening. There will be a Christmas tree, and an interesting programme of readings, recitations and music.

Yankirk Bros' store will be open to-night until Christmas has fairly arrived. The provision made for Christmas dinner is complete in every way and covers the ground thoroughly.

The thanks of Rev. T. Walker and family are extended to the unknown donor of that turkey, etc. which was brought to the parsonage of the First Methodist church by a delivery boy.

A. F. Hall & Co., the jewelers, have a fine line of fine quality, medium priced goods, as well as a complete line of diamonds and goods of a higher price. Drop in and see if you can't find just what you want there.

Miss Millicent Wheeler, of Fort Smith, Arkansas, is spending the holidays with her friend, Miss Marion Bostwick, daughter of J. M. Bostwick, Court street. Both ladies are attending school at Kemper Hall, Kenosha.

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The remains of Mrs. Geo. Skinner, of the town of La Prairie, were brought to the city this morning, after the funeral service at her home. They were taken to the cars on arriving here, and this afternoon went to Iowa where they will be buried.

Mrs. Christine P. Hawley, of Madison, is in the city to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Peterson, corner of Cherry and School streets, fourth ward. Mrs. Hawley is now attending the Conservatory of Music at Madison, and the next term she will be given a position as teacher in that institution.

In thinking what we shall give our wife, our husband, our sister, our brother, or our friend for a Christmas present, it is sometimes difficult to decide just what will make an appropriate gift. All this trouble can be obviated by stepping into the well filled jewelry store of A. F. Hall & Co., where a thousand things will suggest themselves at a glance. This store will be open late this evening.

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At the Star for Shurtliff's ice cream for Christmas dinner will be promptly attended to by Mr. Shurtliff.

Fresh Connecticut bulk oysters at Mabon's Bower City restaurant.

The Bower City restaurant at 57 West Milwaukee street, under the efficient management of the proprietor, Mr. Thos. Mabon, is doing a thriving business. The restaurant is well stocked with choice holiday goods and merits the liberal patronage it is receiving. Call on Mr. Mabon when in want of anything in his line.

\$8,000 to loan in large or small sums. C. E. BOWLES.

The finest and most extensive fruit farm in this county is that of 35 acres in the southern part of the city. On this farm are improvements that cost about \$4,000, with fifteen acres of choice varieties of small fruit, all in thriving condition \$3,000 of purchase money can remain on the property at six per cent. It must be sold at once. C. E. BOWLES.

All the leading perfumes, colognes and soot powders at Steeves & Baker's.

Leave your orders under the First National Bank for coke, the cheapest fuel in the city. J. H. GATELEY.

THE CHRISTMAS CHIMES.

What They Announce For the Church-Going People of this City.

How Santa Claus' Visit Will Be Welcomed in Janesville.

"The night before Christmas," (this evening) will be a merry one in all lands where the Cross is held sacred as the rock upon which the people rest their faith and hope in the life everlasting.

Here in our beloved country, where the Cross reigns supreme over all creation, church going people are wont to gather the little ones around the sacred altars of the different churches and in their own forms explain to them the life of the poor and lowly Nazarene.

Formalities are thrown aside, and pastor and parents vie with each other in making the little ones happy. These gatherings are almost exclusively for the entertainment of the Sunday school, and almost all of them will have a visit from Santa Claus.

So has it been a good school year, that each scholar should start with a capital gift for the dancers and Masons at the Bower City Restaurant, provided a most bountiful supper. It was one of the most successful parties ever given at the firemen in this city.

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